

Page 15, line 10, after "illuminants" delete "5";

Page 15, line 10, after "body" delete "4";

Page 15, line 12, after "surface" delete "4c"; and

Page 15, line 12, after "body" delete "4".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 6, delete "LIGHTING UNIT" and insert --LIGHTING UNIT FOR INSPECTING A SURFACE--.

Page 2, line 3, delete "LIGHTING UNIT" and insert --LIGHTING UNIT FOR INSPECTING A SURFACE--.

Page 9, line 9, before "opposite" delete "to";

Page 9, line 20, after the first occurrence of "surface", delete "4" and insert --4e--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 7, 9, 11 and 13.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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--Claim 1. (Amended) A lighting unit comprising a ring-shaped transparent body for light diffusion and a plurality of illuminants, [with] said transparent body having [a center hole and having a light-emission surface and a light-introduction surface, both of which surround the center hole, with said plurality of illuminants being positioned along the light-introduction surface in order to emit light from the light-emission surface of the transparent body] a light-emission surface for illuminating a surface of a product to be examined when the product is located at an under side of the lighting unit, a center hole having a first end and a second end, said center hole being open between said first and second ends for performing visual inspection or taking of photographs of the surface of the product to be examined from an upper side of the